Some experts believe the Texas to be in many respects the most powerful and superb man-of-war of her chas affoat. The more the pity, they say, that she should be found structurally weak, and the greater the anxiety of the department at Washington to discover whether or not the defects can be overcome.

Can Stand Extra Weight. During the gale of October 12, when the

North Atlantic squadron was caught at sea, the behavior of the Texas was admirable. She was given a trial in the teeth of the gale, and scarcely any vibration at all was perceptible. Had her officers known of the frailness of those buikheads beneath them they would hardly have had the hardlhood to put her to such a during test.

Her defenders claim further that a little added weight will not hurt her. As she stands to-day, they say, she can turn quicker and fight faster than any ship of the line. The extra weight given her by the changes made at Norfolk was disposed of by raising her water line three inches. They claim that she can still take on weight and not be materially affected.

All this the investigation to be conducted by the Navy Department will go into. At that investigation Constructor Bowles will take on weight and not be materially affected.

All this stary, which, he intimates, will uncerth some startling facts in connection with the building of this expensive and worthless battle ship.

Blast Breaks a Big Water Main and Causes an Overflow.

Swift Current Threatens to Inundate Basements for Several Blocks.

Residence of Gen. Butterfield Damaged by the Water Pouring in at the Foundation.

AFRAID TO CONDEMN HER. PROPERTY OWNERS FRIGHTENED.

Naval Experts Unwilling to Make a Radical Investigation of the Big Battleship.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The report of the Board of Experts on the condition of the Texas, although still held back, is effect on the public and on foreign powers of an open condemnation of the whole vessel has been sufficient to prevent any board of experts from being constituted for a midical investigation.

The statement of former Lieutenant Seen

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of fear of exciting the wrath of the powresthat be.
As a matter of fact, the Texas was origmally designed for one of the Continental
powers—Spain, it is reported. The plans
were rejected as unsound by the experts
of that Government. Then Designer Willfam John parched them up in such a way
as to cover the defects and palmed them
off on the United States Navy Department.
The plans were condemned by the Burgan
of Steam Engineering and by meary all
the constructors in the Navy. But the responsibility for procuring the plans and
getting them accepted rested on a clique of
line officers who had Secretary Whitney's
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Thought the Geyserlike Flow Was the Outburst of Some Long Pent Up and Forgotten

window was gone, and he proceeded to investigate. He called a neighbor, and the The big 36-inch main on Fifth avenue, sufficiently known to forecast as making known as the trunk line, burst shortly two entered the house through the pantry

Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets. At this Nothing of value was to be found. point workmen in the employ of Contractor It is thought that burglars entered the of liquor on the premises.

significant class after an unusually heavy blast, which gives rise to the belief that it was caused by the concussion. The flow of escaping water at this point, started in a very mild form, but gradually increased in volume until the large trench was filled to a depth of from ten to twelve feet. Then it began to wash away the sides of the excavation and found its way into the new pipes not may found to wash away the sides of the excavation and found its way into the new pipes and its improbable that for a man of his years.

SWEPT INTO A RAGING SEA.

The cover of the latter was securely fastened, but the heavy pressure of the latter was securely fastened, but the heavy pressure of the latter was securely fastened, but the heavy pressure of the water broke it loose and threw it several

turn the current back.

The water then rushed down the slight lecline on Forty-fifth street to Madison events, where the car tracks were considered inundated. The sewer connections here relieved the pressure, though a small current swept on down to the New York central tracks. City Englacer McKar was notified, and when the situation was explained to him he ordered the flood gates of the reservoir to be closed. Then the

a farmhouse located on what is known as the Diamond Pond road, in a sparsely

settled portion of East Glastonbury. On

Sunday his son Jerome paid him a visit

the reservoir to be closed. Then the The most damage was done at the point where the break occurred. Water poured through the foundations of General Butterfield's residence, as well as those of his neighbors' houses. It Is Said.

MURDERED BY BURGLARS? Aged Farmer Missing and His House Shows Bicycles in the Billiard Signs of Having Been Thoroughly Ransacked.

Room. Glastonbury, Conn., Dec. 4 .- It is be-

years, of this place, has been murdered by burglars. He has resided for years in Larchmont "Boarding

OTHERS DECLARE IT WAS ORDERLY.

and left him that evening in good health. On Wednesday morning his son Ellerton Swear Nothing Which Was Improper in Weir called at his father's house and Any Way Was Ever Tolerated found everything securely fastened. His suspicions were aroused when he by the Managesaw that the wire netting on the pantry

Most of the residents of Larchmont who his appearance in Harlem. It was learned are sticklers for propriety were on hand in yesterday morning that Miss Irene Bray, a Judge Smith's court, in Brooklyn, yesterwindow. A search of the interior disclosed the fact that Welr was not in and day, to listen to the tales of improper acthan the fashionable thoroughfare has seen somebody had ransacked the house, but for tions which are said to have taken place in Mrs. Charman's Larchmont hotel last what purpose is not known, unless it was The break occurred almost immediately for money. Articles of furniture were piled Summer. These people are the ones who in front of the residence of General Daniel in a heap on the floor and the contents of say Mrs. Charman ran a hotel without a Butterfield, No. 616 Fifth avenue, between the bureau by scattered about the house. Ilcense and in defiance of a clause in the deed to the property which forbids the sale hair on that morning by a man with a

More interesting than the mere evidence reception of the new 48-inch main. A laid to the intruders. There is not the as to liquor selling has been the testimony goods store. Her father, James Bray, runs strata of rock has made it necessary to do slightest clew to the latter's identity. that women have had a gay time at the one of the elevators in the Post Office Build-Victoria and have sat on the billiard tables ing, where he has been employed for many

Victoria is more of a boarding house than a hotel, and said she had discharged a waiter whom she found selling liquor to an

Lawrence E. McGuire, a hatter, testified that he saw a woman trying to ride a bleyele in the billiard room and assisted her. He claimed, however, that it was a woman's blcycle, and that there was noth-

her. He claimed, however, that it was a woman's bicycle, and that there was nothing improper about the performance.

Cornelius Hill, colored, now a nurse, of No. 67 West Fortieth street, said that he was head waiter at the Victoria in the Summer of 1895, and that he had seen many people drink there.

"One night I served a party of two men and two women, and I gave them a quart bottle of claret and two quart bottles of champagne and some ponces of brandy and other things. And after a hop' one Saturday night I opened forty-eight quart bottles of champagne for the fifty or sixty people who came into the cafe after the dance," he said.

E. G. Lemon testified that he has known Mrs. Charman for fifteen years, and stayed at the Victoria during the Summer of 1805. He said that he had never seen anything out of the way going on, but on cross-examination admitted that he usually went to bed by 10 or 10:20.

Orford Marshall, of No. 55 Park avenue, who lives in his Larchmont cottage every Summer, testified that on one occasion, in August, 1805, he went into the Victoria cafe after an entertainment and saw two women there with their chairs tilted back and their feet on a billiard table. There was a bottle of wine in front of them. Roger Lamson, another Larchmont property owner, was called to testify as to the drinking that he had seen there, as were also Joseph B. Gilder, a publisher, and William H. Campbell, both of whom are owners of property in the town.

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Theodore Short, colored, said that he had been a waiter at the Victoria, and that he had seen as many as twenty-five or thirty in the cafe at one time.

"The women had gay times," he said. "and used to drink and shoot pool. I've seen women sitting on the tables, and some of them were drinking."

Edward Smith, a hall boy, testified that he had at one time seen some men and women sitting on the edge of a billiard table. He had seen a couple in the dining room one day who were under the influence of liquor, but they were guests of the hote!

The case was then adojurned until Monday morning.

be executive officer. There are not enough men available to make up the crew of one hundred and ninety men. The ship will go into commission with about fifty men, detailed from the several vessels now at the visited the store. Neither the cigar man now vard. his friends heard any excitement nor saw

GIRL'S HAIR CUT GEN. WEYLER MAY BE IN AN "L" TRAIN.

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She Was the Victim

of That Dreadful

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Svengali eye.

THE HAIR SNIPPER.

Whereabouts.

Los Palacios.

Residence of Gen. Butterfield Damaged Haved that Harvey Welr, aged eighty-two Witnesses Tell of Gay Doings in the Man with an "Evil Eye" Sat in His Subordinates Manage to Come Into Contact with Fighting Bands of Insurgents.

SPANISH VICTORIES ARE OFFICIAL.

Royal Troops "Disperse" the Cubans with No Doubt in the Girl's Mind That Great Ease and with but Little Sacrifice of Life-American to Be Court-Martialled.

Havana, Dec. 4.-The people of Havana "Jack the Hair Snipper" has again made are still in the dark so far as the movenents of General Weyler are concerned, If the authorities have heard anything pretty sixteen-year-old girl, who lives at definite from him since he went into camp No. 165 East One Hundred and Third near Los Palacios they are keeping their definite from him since he went into camp nformation to themselves. On Thursday morning she was the pos

sessor of luxuriant blond tresses that reached to her walst. Now she is bemoan ing the loss of about ten inches of her Miss Bray is employed in a large dry

They state that they are ignorant of his present position, but that they know he is carrying out in detail the plan of campaign prepared before he left Havana.

The only definite news received from the Province of Pinar del Rio is that the commands of Generals Melquizo and Incian have had encounters with the rebels. The fight in the Gobernadora Hills yesterday, mention of which was made last night, was between General Incian's command and band of rebels. No details of the engagement night in the Barn, Province of Santiago de Cuba, were repulsed. They were pursued by the local guerillas, who killed six insurgents and wounded fourteen. The troops had one officer and four privates wounded.

had one officer and four privates wounde Colonel Torto reports that his command has defeated the rebels under Costillo and other leaders at Mazareno, Province of killed, while the Spanish loss was six killed and eleven wounded.

ceed to Valencia to complete the cargo While no information is obtainable at the State Department regarding the action that the Spanish authorities might take, it is be-Heved to be extremely probable that both she and her captain would be selzed if they entered Spanish waters. An official of the Government, who volunteered this sugges-Women Had Lively Times at lem, Loses Her

No Idea of His Present

Whose Charman's Hotel,

Pretty Irene Bray, of HarAuthorities in Havana Have by asking what action would have been taken by the United States if the Confederation would have been taken by

Into the harbor of New York. Drank Much Wine and Rode

Bicycles in the Billiard

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selze the Laurada, even though no indignity were offered to her crew?"

It is asserted in other quarters that the Laurada was sent out of American waters sometime ago to avoid the possibility of being libelled by the United States Gov-

erument for her connection with the Cuban niibustering. It is even hinted that her orders to proceed to Valencia are in pursuance of a de-

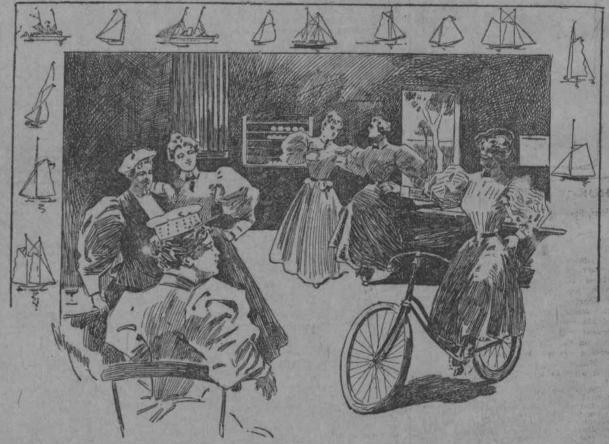
liberate purpose to bring about a rupture between the United States and Spain. WOUNDED SPANIARDS SUFFER.

Gen. Garcia Writes That They Are Brutally

Treated by Their Own Comrades. A letter was received yesterday by the Cuban Junta from General Calixto Garcia. It was dated November 8, and deals largely with personal matters. General Garcia said he had met General Gomez near La Gioria after the battle and capture of Guaimaro, on October 17. General Gomez congrat-They state that they are ignorant of his ulated General Garcia over the result of

Contract Given at Newburg for a New Steel Steam Vessel.

Thomas S. Marvel & Co., of Newburg, The rebels lost twenty-three will soon begin work on the construction of a new steel steam yacht, the contract for which has just been awarded them by Mr.



Lively Times In a Larchmont Hotel.

Continued from Piret Page.

A gray delife the resident that when trended up the continue of the resident that we was worth fighted to save much fighted to s At the hearing of the case of Mrs. Charman, who is charged with having sold liquors at her hotel in Larch-

hey remained until they were able to go to heir homes, Among them were Miss Mary Fredenders, of No. 412 East Nintieth street, and diss Ruth Rosenthal, of No. 308 East linety Third street, Accompanied by Isalore Cohen, of No. 117 One Hundred and Ewenty-seventh street, they were on their ray to a reception. Both of the young women became hysterical, and Miss Fredenders with way to the end of the young women became hysterical, and Miss Fredenders, with the work of the young women became hysterical, and Miss Fredenders, and Cross, an aged woman, who lives at No. 143 East One Hundred and Second treet, Mrs. Margaret Ormond, and her laughter, Agnes, suffered from shock.

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"Wide World" and "Pillow-Dex."

Two popular new Parker games that have made the hit of the season! At toy stores.—Advt.

The car itself was not badly damaged, and the season all the trouble bort of Valencia, Spain. The vessel, which carried several fillbustering expeditions to Cuba last Summer, is now loading with fruit at Messina, Italy, and her charterers have it is said, ordered her captain to professor and new list of 1,000 inventions wanted.

American steamship Laurada enters the

washington, Dec. 4.—Interesting inter-national complications are expected if the Hood's Pills care liver ills, easy to take,

The Naval Constructor Who Built the Texas Says the Proper Authorities Will Certainly Call for His Story, and That It Will Hit Somebody.

That an investigation of the causes which led to the improper construction of the battle ship Texas will soon be made, as a result of Journal disclosures, is assured by a statement made yesterday by Francis T. Bowles, under whose supervision the man-of-war was built. When asked yesterday if he cared to defend himself from the charge that the big battle ship was improperly constructed, he replied:

"No, I believe not. I have thus far maintained a strict allence upon the subject of the Texas, and I do not think the time has yet come for me to

"Do you mean that you will eventually tell your story?" he was asked. "Yes. I will tell it when the proper authorities ask for it." "And do you think they will call upon you to tell it?"

timber dry dock has been prepared the stranger leave the store. "And do you think they will call upon you to tell it?"

"They most certainly will, and when they do somebody will get hit."

"They most certainly will, and when they do somebody will get hit."

"To have a number of new pipes put in on the outboard delivers.